

City Council

Study Session Summary

**February 25, 2020
City Hall
749 Main Street
5:30 PM**

Mayor Stolzmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Council: Mayor Ashley Stolzmann
Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Maloney
Councilmember Kyle Brown
Councilmembers J. Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Chris Leh

Absent: Councilmember Jeff Lipton

Planning Commission: Ben Diehl
Keaton Howe
Jeff Moline
Tom Rice
Debra Williams

Absent: Steve Brauneis
Dietrich Hoefner

Staff: Heather Balser, City Manager
Rob Zuccaro, Planning & Building Safety Director
Lisa Ritchie, Senior Planner
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk

Councilmembers thanked the Planning Commission members for their service on the Commission and noted how the work they do impacts the Council's decision making process.

Commissioner Rice noted the Commission functions well with a good balance of institutional knowledge and new ideas.

Mayor Stolzmann noted both Council and Planning Commission work to get good public input and encourage people to speak up on issues and foster an environment for public participation.

Members discussed the Commissions accomplishments last year including the sign code amendments. They also discussed items from last year that required compromise and discussion including marijuana changes, downtown development challenges, CTC PUDs, the Transportation Master Plan.

Commission goals for next year include continuing the deep, technical look at applications; support the Council in the planning process; Old Town Overlay lot coverage review; LMC Chapter 17 updates; and PUD extension criteria.

Commissioners asked the Council how the commission can support the Council. Mayor Stolzmann noted the Commission's review of applications and developing a review record is a huge help to the Council.

Mayor Stolzmann noted the Council's main priorities this year including: 2021-22 budget; economic vitality strategic plan, sustainability, airport noise mitigation; and transportation master plan implementation.

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney stated the Planning Commission process has big impact on the Council discussion of applications and he encouraged them to continue in that work. Other Councilmembers agreed.

*Submitted by Meredyth Muth
February 26, 2020*